

# NOMINATION FORM

## 2011 ENVIRONMENTAL HERO OF THE NORTH BAY AWARD

Assemblymember Jared Huffman will honor an outstanding individual for leadership, innovation, and community service in promoting environmental stewardship.

### **NOMINEE INFORMATION:**

#### **INDIVIDUAL:**

Individual's Name: **Carrie Bachelder**      Current Position: **Founder/Executive Director**  
Organization: **The Away Station**      Company Address: **49 Summit Rd**  
City, State, Zip: **San Anselmo, CA 94960**

#### **WRITTEN STATEMENT:**

How has this nominee demonstrated leadership and innovation in environmental stewardship?

What is exceptional about this nominee?

Please describe how the nominee's accomplishments have positively impacted the environment.

#### **NOMINATOR'S STATEMENT:**

1. Carrie has worked tirelessly to develop Marin County's first reuse marketplace. Established as a non-profit last year, The Away Station, Inc. accepts donations of building and construction materials and sells back these materials at greatly reduced (highly affordable) prices to the community. Carrie turned her vision of a reuse marketplace into a vital non-profit organization serving all of Marin and beyond. The following list includes some of the educational outreach programs Carrie has either lead or participated in over the last four years: **2007** – BMRA – Building Materials Reuse Association conference, **2008** EFM Workshop series, **2008** – Marin Supervisors Reuse Panel – invited Reuse facilities circling Marin—educated Builders, Planning departments, landscapers developers, how to divert resources from landfill, **2009** –Worked with Green building dept (county of Marin) wrote and received 2 grants – California Integrated Waste Management Board – 2 grants (now CAL Recycle), **2010** – Educated Fairfax Lumber – took on tours to various reuse facilities, Presented with Sustainable Fairfax – Film series “Garbage Town”, 2010 Earth Day Marin and Marin Home Show speaker and booth operator, and 2010 Marin Designer's Showcase speaker. 2011 – EMF field trip Waster: The Why and How of Zero Waste 2.12.11, 2011-Co-sponsored Unstuff Your Life “Economics of Happiness”.
2. Carrie has poured years of blood, sweat and tears into landfill diversion for Marin County where she was born and raised. She employs primarily low-income (often at-risk) individuals and strives to pay them a living wage while simultaneously providing on-the-job-training to enhance their vocational skills.
3. Several tons of reusable building and construction materials have been diverted from the waste stream since Carrie began her mission to redistribute the by-products of our local communities' consumption to their next useful purpose. Here is Carrie on-the-job when the marketplace first opened its doors:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPxsZJNfbo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPxsZJNfbo)